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**The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

**Dear Chairman Genachowski:**

I am writing about Entravision Holdings, LLC's (Entravision) permission to relocate its WJAL station from Hagerstown, Maryland to Silver Spring, Maryland. Like Entravision, I believe that the relocation of WJAL will benefit the growing Latino population in the Washington Metropolitan Area by providing them with access to a second full-service over-the-air broadcast Spanish language station.

More than any other population group, Latinos rely heavily on over-the-air television for entertainment, news, sports, public affairs, and for public information programming. While Entravision has been operating Class A Television Station WMDO-CA in the Metro area, the station's broadcast signal has limited power and cannot be accessed by many homes. If Entravision's request is granted and is allowed to relocate WJAL to Silver Spring, Maryland, it has pledged to provide Spanish-language service throughout the Metro area.

Despite the Latino growth in the Montgomery and Prince George's County area, both in Maryland and recently confirmed by the 2010 Census, the Washington Metropolitan Area only has one full-service Spanish Language station. With that in mind, it is my hope that you will approve Entravision's request to relocate to Silver Spring, Maryland.

I have no doubt the Washington Metropolitan Area Latinos will be grateful to be offered a second choice of over-the-air Spanish language broadcast. I look forward to discussing this issue with you.

Sincerely,

**Loretta Sanchez  
Member of Congress**

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September 14, 2011

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Loretta Sanchez  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Congresswoman Sanchez:

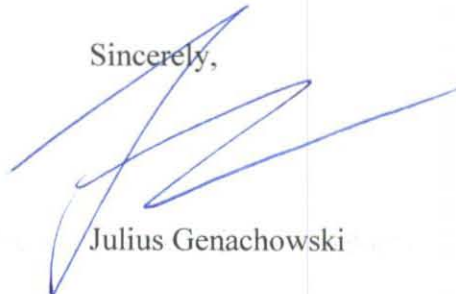
Thank you for your letter regarding the status of an Application for Review that was filed with the Commission by Entravision Holdings, LLC, licensee of WJAL(TV), Hagerstown, Maryland, concerning its request to change the community of license for WJAL.

In 2004, the Commission's Media Bureau affirmed a prior decision to dismiss the Entravision petition for rulemaking seeking to change the community of license of WJAL's digital television (DTV) channel 16 from Hagerstown to Silver Spring, Maryland. The Media Bureau based its dismissal primarily on the grounds that the proposed relocation would cause substantial interference to public safety and emergency operations on channel 17 in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The Bureau also determined that the proposal would result in a significant curtailment of existing television service to the Hagerstown area. Entravision filed an Application for Review requesting that the Bureau's decision be reviewed by the full Commission.

In 2006, Entravision filed a supplement to its Application for Review, which indicated that the company had changed its DTV election for WJAL to channel 39, thereby addressing the public safety concerns. By that time, however, the Commission had stopped considering certain proposed license modifications, including community of license changes, in order to ensure a stable database for conducting the DTV channel election process and the development of a new DTV Table of Allotments. With the completion of the DTV transition, the staff has resumed consideration of matters, such as Entravision's Application for Review, that were held in abeyance pending the DTV transition.

I appreciate learning of your interest in this important matter. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski